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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Preliminary Assessment of BLACK SHIELD
Mission X003, Flown 10 June 1967

1. The initial read-out of mission photography showed no evidence of surface-to-surface missile (SSM) equipment or facilities in North Vietnam.

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2. Yen Bai has been heavily defended by other SAM and AAA positions, including some Chinese Communist artillery units, for more than a year because of its strategic position on the lines of communication from China and athwart US strike routes from Thailand. It has been a center of intensive military construction activity, including a partially completed jet airfield, since December 1965.

3. The five SAM sites, containing 25 missiles, photographed in the area of Haiphong and the 11 sites occupied with 60 missiles detected in the vicinity of Hanoi are consistent with estimates derived from other

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intelligence sources.

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